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SUBJECT: UNIDO PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS

REF VIENNA 4523, VIENNA 4524

1. FOLLOWING EARLIER ASSURANCES WHICH HAVE BEEN REPORTED, SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM GAVE CATEGORIC ASSURANCES TO AMBASSADOR SCALI MAY 16 THAT BURNS' APPOINTMENT WOULD PROCEED. HIS STAFF NOW ENGAGED IN WORKING OUT MEANS TO MAKE BURNS' APPOINTMENT THROUGH NORMAL APPOINTMENT PROCEDURES INsofar AS POSSIBLE. AMBASSADOR BENNETT HAS TALKED OVER WEEKEND AND MAY 21 WITH UNDER SECRETARY DAVIDSON AND SYG ASSISTANT HENNIG TO GET THEIR THINKING AND AT SAME TIME NUDGE THEM ALONG, MAKING POINT THAT THE SOONER ABDEL-RAHMAN ISSUE IS DISPOSED OF THE BETTER. WE UNDERSTAND AND AGREE WITH SECRETARIAT THAT WE SHOULD ADHERE AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE TO NORMAL PERSONNEL PROCEDURES IN ACCOMPLISHING THE APPOINTMENT, BUT WE HAVE MADE POINT STRONGLY THAT APPOINTMENT

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SHOULD BE MADE AND FASTENED DOWN BEFORE A-R DEPARTS
SO AS TO AVOID HAVING TO MAKE OUR POINTS ALL OVER AGAIN

TO WHOEVER EMERGES AS A-R'S SUCCESSOR. UN PROCEDURES ARE CUMBERSOME AND COMPLICATED AND G-77 DECLARATION RE STAFF RECRUITMENT NO DOUBT RAISES ADDITIONAL COMPLICATIONS WHICH WILL CAUSE US PROBLEMS LONG BEYOND CURRENT CASE.

2. DAVIDSON EXPLAINED TO BENNETT THAT HE IS WORKING ON PACKAGE ARRANGEMENT WHICH WOULD COVER SEVERAL UNIDO APPOINTMENTS AND TRANSFERS IN ONE DECISION. DAVIDSON IS PREPARED NEGOTIATE FIRMLY WITH A-R AND HOPES TO GET RECOMMENDATIONS IN NORMAL WAY AFTER WORKING OUT HIS PLAN. HE HOPES TO ACCOMPLISH THIS WITHIN NEXT TWO WEEKS BUT SAYS HE CANNOT BE CERTAIN THINGS WILL GO THAT SMOOTHLY. USUN CONSIDERS DAVIDSON HONEST AND REALISTIC IN HIS APPROACH. DAVIDSON TOOK UNEQUIVOCAL POSITION IN MAY 21 CONVERSATION THAT, WHETHER HIS PACKAGE ARRANGEMENT WORKS OUT SUCCESSFULLY OR NOT, THERE WILL STILL BE ULTIMATE APPOINTMENT OF BURNS. HE WOULD HOPE TO BE ABLE TO RECOMMEND APPOINTMENT ON BEHALF OF SYG IN NORMAL FASHION. IF NECESSARY, HOWEVER, SYG WILL MAKE APPOINTMENT ON HIS OWN. DAVIDSON WOULD LIKE TO CARRY UN UNDER SECRETARIES ALONG WITH HIM ON MATTER AND WE CONSIDER THIS IS IN OUR INTEREST ALSO.

3. HENNIG IS OBVIOUSLY INTRIGUED WITH WORKING OUT MATTER IN SOME ROUNDABOUT AUSTRIAN WAY, AND THIS WOULD MIGHT APPEAL TO WALDHEIM AS WELL. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE DAVIDSON WILL PUSH FORCEFULLY TO GET MATTER ACCOMPLISHED ALONG LINES HE HAS DISCUSSED.

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